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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

NAOHISA KAMIYAMA : EXAMINER: FIELDS

SERIAL NO. 08/593,886 :

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FOR: ULTRASOUND DIAGNOSTIC
APPARATUS AND METHOD

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Office Action dated November 14, 1996, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 4, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

--In order to extend the life of the shadowing agent, it is preferable to scan the examining human body with ultrasound of low power. In this case, however, the contrast is lowered. In order to obtain an image of a high contrast, on the other hand, it is necessary to scan the examining human body with ultrasound of a high power.

In this case, however, the use of the high-power ultrasound will shorten the life of the shadowing agent. In order to make the life of the shadowing agent as long as possible

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